



H.Res. 1038 – Recognizing the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department's employees for their extraordinary efforts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1038 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS) on March 11, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1038 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 9, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1038 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security; and
- Honors the Department's dedicated public servants for their extraordinary service to this Nation in helping preserve the safety and security of the American people.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was established by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to coordinate and unify all government entities involved in the national security of the U.S. in wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The mission of DHS is to protect the U.S. from terrorist attacks by preventing attacks, responding to threats, and securing the borders to the U.S.

DHS is also responsible for coordinating a national response to natural disasters and other emergencies, and leading state and local efforts to restore stability to communities after their occurrence. Additionally, DHS works to promote lawful trade, travel, and immigration by ensuring the security of international supply chain and that all persons are entering the U.S. legally. Today, DHS is composed of a network of over 180,000 employees and entered its fifth year of full-scale operations on March 1, 2008. Judge Michael Chertoff is the current Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate and sworn in on February 15, 2005.

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